952. The average cost of education per head of population was Rs. 4-9-3 (Rs. 4-11-8). Of this, a sum of Rs. 3-10-10 (Rs. 3-13-7) or 80·24 (81·36) per cent was met from Government Funds.

(iii) University of Mysore.

953. The University continued to register steady progress in all spheres during the year. As usual, the number of students admitted to the several courses and the number of candidates for the University Examinations were on the increase. They were :—

	1953-54	*1952-53*
(i) Total number of students in the University and Affiliated Institutions.	20,376	19,152
(ii) Total number of candidates for the University Examinations.	16,131	15,463

954. To meet the demand for more seats in the University Institutions, Committees were appointed to report on the possibilities of opening Colleges in Chamarajnagar, T. Narasipur, Ramanathpur and Sirigere, and on the desirability of upgrading certain Intermediate Colleges.

955. The following important amendments were made in the Ordinances :—

(i) Ordinance 38 regarding fee concessions in respect of women students studying in the Arts and Science Colleges.

(ii) Ordinance 76 regarding additions of certain courses such as Music, Home Science and Drama as Optional subjects for the Degree Course in Arts and Science.

956. Home Science was made one of the optional subjects for the B.A. Degree Course in the Maharani's College for Women, Bangalore.

957. The University accepted the following Endowments :—

(i) Rs. 10,000	The Parvathi Chandrasekhara Aiyer Scholarship to encourage Women's Education.
(ii) Rs. 2,000	The Professor K.R.K. Ananthan Memorial Prize to encourage the study of Education.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

958. The Inter-University Board meeting and Quinquennial Conference of Universities of India, Burma and Ceylon were held at Mysore in December 1953.

National Cadet Corps.

959. The National Cadet Corps Service Camp was held from 7th to 27th October 1953. The N.C.C. Cadets with the co-operation of the local villagers constructed 11 miles All Weather Road connecting Akkihebbalu, Lakshmipura, Hemagiri, etc.

Scout Community Project.

960. During December 1953, the Social Service Camp was held at Chikkayarahalli for about a fortnight and 50 Scouts participated in it. The project activities included such items as metalling a 3-furlong road in the village, laying out of a circle, helping the villagers in harvest work, general cleaning of the village, economic survey of the village, Samskriti Prachar and organising games for village children, etc. The State Chief Commissioner and the President of the Mysore Pradesh Congress Committee visited the camp. The estimated cost of the works done in the camp was about Rs. 35,000,

Convocation.

961. The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the University was held on 8th January 1954, in the Crawford Hall, Mysore. His Highness the Chancellor presided. Sri Radhakumud Mookerji, M.A., PH.D., D. LITT., Member of Parliament, delivered the Convocation Address.

Buildings.

962. A provision of Rs. 5,50,000 was made in the University Budget for 1953-54 under "Construction and Repairs". Of this, a sum of Rs. 4,20,410 was spent during the year.

(iv) The Mysore Government Museum.

Galleries.

963. The sculptures which were lent to the Royal Academy of Indian Arts for exhibition at London were returned and they are erected on pedestals along with the other sculptures in the newly designed sculpture gallery.

Zoology.

964. New tables were introduced in the Zoology Section. Action was taken to acquire fresh specimens of birds and mammals.

965. Instructive and educative descriptive labels were introduced to facilitate the visitors to get acquainted with Archæology and Archæological specimens.